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Dear Jim,

In one sense your letter of the 26th came here at the right time. I'd just finished what I was writing. But in another sense, it is not a good time. I'm too tired to trust myself to think really clearly. Some of it is probably from the intensity with which I've been working on the book you so steadfastly refused to do simple things to help with. But I'm nearing the end of that draft.

As you know, I'm not up to date on any of the new releases. I note the consistency in nobody having told me about or ^{Sending} ~~sent~~ me copies of your (5), that "new information" that tends to suggest there was a conspiracy. Because you all knew I was writing a book probably explains that. Also your (5) Wrong on (6) I marked that to warn you that I think that with that formulation you and Conyers have a good chance of losing some teeth. Blakey et al saw to it that nothing would come of what they avoided as much as they could and that can't be undone now. Nor can the report of the Ramsey Panel. I'd skip that if I were you.

From Roger I gather he has real confidence in what Robertson has done. Hope so!

From Roger I gather withholdings are not with exlined exemption posted. How can that be appealed or contested? And would one file against Archives? New bottleneck if so?

Not knowing what else can be pertinent I do not know what to add. Perhaps after this hearing, if I learn more, I may write Conyers separately.

Best,

Harold